

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present patent application.

I. Rejection Under 35 USC §103

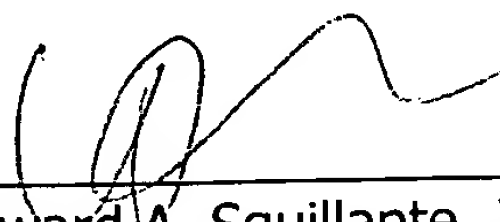
The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-7, 12 and 13 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Derwent Abstract of Japan 62-220186. While Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 which the Examiner has indicated is in condition for allowance. This amendment has been made in order to further business objectives and to expedite the prosecution of the present patent application. In view of the amendment, Applicants request that the obviousness rejection be withdrawn and rendered moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that they reserve the right to file a continuation application at a later time. Applicants also appreciate that the Examiner has concluded that claims 2 and 8-11 are allowable.

Finally, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining claims, namely claim 1 and 3-13 be passed to issue. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly solicited.

In the event the Examiner has any questions concerning the present patent application, she is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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